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Facilities to Reporters
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of facilities/amenities being provided to media persons including Press Information Bureau (PIB) accredited media persons;

(b) whether the Government proposes to extend/provide more facilities to all media persons including PIB accredited media persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [(COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) The following facilities are being provided by Government of India to the media persons including Press Information Bureau (PIB) accredited media persons: -
(i) One time ex-gratia relief on urgent basis under "Journalists Welfare Scheme (JWS)" to journalists/their families in the event of death or permanent disability; the cost of treatment for major ailments and in cases of accidents causing serious injuries necessitating hospitalization. Besides, non-accredited journalists are also eligible for financial assistance from JWS if they have been journalists as defined under the JWS Guidelines for a minimum period of five years.
(ii) Central Government Health Services {CGHS} facility by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to PIB accredited journalists based in Delhi and National Capital Region.
(iii) Allotment of Government accommodation under Press Pool to PIB accredited journalists based in Delhi and National Capital Region.
(iv) Concession in rail fares is given by the M/o Railways to press correspondents accredited by Government of India, State Governments, Union Territories and Districts for unlimited travel on bonafide press works.

(b) & (c) At present, there is no proposal under consideration to extend/provide more facilities to all media persons including PIB accredited media persons.
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